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I'm writing to express my concern and alarm at the terms of the proposed Microsoft settlement. As a computer software professional, a PC owner, and a software and operating systems consumer, I believe that the Microsoft monopoly has done a great deal to harm consumers. I feel that the remedies proposed by the settlement will fall far short of punishing the company for its actions, and fails to deny the company the benefits of its illegal behavior.

Furthermore, the proposed remedy fails to address Microsoft's continued use of onerous and restrictive licensing terms. Most importantly, it fails to adequately define the many of the terms and provisions, to the extent that the company will easily be able to avoid many of the most effective consequences of the settlement.

It is not in the public interest to adopt this settlement until these any other problems are resolved.

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